

COUNCIL BRIEFS

January 2, 2015

Library Trustee of the Year: Library Board member Linda Dunakin was recently honored as Trustee of the Year by the Association of Connecticut Library Boards. Kelly Clark, president of the Library Board, nominated Linda for the award, in recognition of her twelve years of dedicated service. Linda also serves on the Library Foundation, and during her tenure she has overseen the renovation and expansion of the main Noah Webster Library as well as the renovation of the Bishops Corner Branch Library. Linda has helped the Library Foundation become a serious funding source for library programs and many other initiatives. Congratulations!

Christmas tree collection begins next week: The annual Christmas tree collection will begin on Monday, January 5 and will run for two weeks until January 16, weather permitting. Trees are to be placed at the curb by 6:30 AM on your refuse collection day. Trees must be free of ornaments, lights, garland, tree stands, and any other foreign items. Trees cannot be placed in plastic bags. For more information, call the Department of Public Works at 860-561-8100.

Tax bills are now due: The second tax installment of real estate and personal property on the October 1, 2014 Grand List and supplemental motor vehicle taxes on the October 1, 2013 Grand List are now due. If payment is not made by Monday, February 2, 2015, the tax becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of 1½% per month (18% annually) retroactive to January 1, 2015. Taxes may be [paid on-line](#), or at the Revenue Collection Center in the Town Hall, Room 109. [Click here for office hours.](#)

Please note that the office is closed on Fridays, with the exception of Friday, January 30. The office will be open 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Assessment Appeal process begins: The West Hartford Board of Assessment Appeals is now accepting appeal applications for real estate, personal property and motor vehicle assessments on the October 1, 2014 Grand List and motor vehicles assessments on the October 1, 2013 Supplemental Grand List.

Appeal applications are [available online](#) or in the Assessment Office, Room 142, of Town Hall. Applications can be mailed to the West Hartford Assessment Office, Attn: Board of Assessment Appeals, 50 South Main St. Appeal applications must be completed and received or postmarked by *February 20, 2015*.

Food Pantry needs your help: West Hartford Food Pantry is in urgent need of pasta sauce, peanut butter and canned fruit. Food donations can be dropped off in the lobby of Town Hall by the information desk Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Financial contributions may be sent to: The Town That Cares-Food Pantry, 50 South Main Street, Room 306, West Hartford, CT 06107. For more information, contact Amanda Moffo at 561-7569 or amanda.moffo@westhartfordct.gov.

A special volunteer is needed: Are you thinking of a way to give back to the community in the New Year? The Town of West Hartford's Volunteer Office is looking for a special volunteer that is willing to drive a client the second Tuesday of every month to Wethersfield, from 2 to 4, so she can attend a support group. This client has had a recent medical situation that hinders her from driving. The support will make a tremendous difference in her life. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator at 860 561-7567 or email at barbara.roberts@westhartfordct.gov.

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